April 3, 2002   LB 1021

information or obtains registry data...shall contact,"...shall contact..."a patient on the registry of such patient's family unless the registry has first obtained the permission of such patient or patient's family," period. So the registry always has to make that contact and then we go to the next step and that is, "The registry shall coordinate its activities with the person desiring such contact" et cetera, et cetera. I think what...and maybe I'm misreading what you're saying, but I think you are putting an "or" in there that doesn't belong. Those are two separate steps. And if you would like to ask any further follow-up or anything, that's my interpretation of it; that's my staff's interpretation of it who worked with the different groups on this; and I would be happy to answer anything else. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Schimek, maybe you can help me. This is how I read it: No person who seeks the information or obtains the data pursuant to the sections that we have set out which give us the name of the different contacts shall be allowed to do that unless the registry has obtained that permission first. And as I would see this, and maybe I'm wrong, the sentence that's been added gives guidelines on how they obtain that information. Is that not accurate? In other words, how they would obtain the permission?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I would say that, yes, that would be how they would obtain the information. That would be the second step, so to speak.

SENATOR ERDMAN: So it...let's back up. So what you're saying is is that, first of all, the registry is going to put a list of people that are yeas and nays as far as if you want to be contacted or not, period. Do you know that for a fact?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The registry is going to make the contact of the list from the cancer registry, I would assume.